Banning of foreign contributions

2367. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to ban foreign contributions totally for all types of organisations—religious, social and others;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The services rendered by associations utilising foreign contribution are likely to suffer if the acceptance of foreign contribution by them is totally banned.

National Register of Citizens

2368. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to prepare and maintain National Register of citizens;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Empowering Election Commission to Monitor Political and Election coverage by Doordarshan and AIR

2369. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to empower Election Commission to monitor all political and election coverage by Doordarshan and AIR;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) No, Sir;

(b) Does not arise

(c) At present, if any complaint is made to the Commission with regard to partisan coverage of poll activities, it is looked into by the Commission and appropriate preventive/remedial steps are taken. As such there is no felt need to formally empower Election Commission to monitor all political and election coverage by Doordarshan and All India Radio.

Expenditure on Akbar Bhavan

2370. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any lease deed or agreement has been signed between Ministry of External Affairs and ITDC/NDMC so far;

(b) if so, so, what are the salient features of the agreement/lease deed;

(c) what is the year-wise expenditure the Ministry has been incurring on maintaining the building, running the Air Conditioned Plant and upkeeping other costly equipments in Akbar Bhavan since it came into existence on 7th April, 1986;

(d) the period for which the Ministry of External Affairs propose to keep this building for its exclusive use; and

(e) whether Government propose to review the decision taken, if any of the whole issue?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The year-wise expenditure incurred on the maintenance and upkeep of Akbar Bhavan ever since the Ministry occupied it has been as follows:

Year	Amount (Rs.)
1986-87	51,18,520
1987-88	2,36,77,224
1988-89	1,54,71,822
1989-90	1,82,06,959

(d) and (e) The accommodation requirements of the Ministry of External Affairs are presently under review in consultation with the Ministry of Urban Development.

Deputing Officers nearing Retirement for Training on Government Expenses

2371. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of officers belonging to Telecom Directorate, New Delhi with less than six months to retire, who were deputed for training at Government expenditure during the period April, 1989 to March, 1990 ;

(b) whether such trainings were against the existing Government instructions; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (c) The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

2372. [*Withdrawn.*]

बिहार के शहरों में इलैक्ट्रानिक टेलीफोन की सुविधायें

2373. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बिहार के किन-किन शहरों में वर्तमान में इलैक्ट्रानिक टेलीफोन की सुविधाएं उपलब्ध हैं; और

(ख) अगले वर्ष के दौरान बिहार के किन-किन शहरों में इलैक्ट्रानिक टेलीफोन केन्द्र शुरू किए जाने की योजना है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र) : (क) निम्नलिखित शहरों में (1981 की जनगणन के